

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for identifying an object, by specifying an identifier which has been assigned to the object and which has not been indicated on the object itself, is provided to include the steps of: irradiating the object with a radiation; storing in a storage separate from the object, a correlation between the identifier and for-identification information; measuring a level of radioactivity of the object after an irradiation time at which the object was irradiated; obtaining the for-identification information, at least on the basis of the measured level of radioactivity; a measurement time at which the level of radioactivity was measured; and characteristics of a predetermined decay curve representing how the radioactivity of the object decays with time; and retrieving in the storage the identifier corresponding to the obtained for-identification information.